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## **AMENDMENT FOR RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the final Office Action dated July 27, 2007, rejecting claims 1-14, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

A Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 is attached following page 8 of this paper.